

REMARKS

Claims 24-43 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-23 have been canceled and claims 24-43 have been added. No new matter is believed added.

With regard to the newly added claims, in a previous Office Action, the Office alleges that “Tonkin discloses a method and apparatus for previewing assembling documents wherein the concept of displaying document based on information (including print information) contained in a print file is disclosed (see abstract, e.g.).” (Office Action dated 09/10/2002, page 3). However, Applicants respectfully submit that Tonkin does not disclose displaying a document based on a print file, rather Tonkin discloses the use of a “source file.” Abstract. As stated in Tonkin, “[p]referably, the source file is in portable document format (PDF). However, the present invention can be configured so as to accept source files in other formats, such as word processing documents, spreadsheet documents and compound documents.” Col. 7, lines 17-22. Applicants note that none of the source file formats listed by Tonkin comprises a print file. In sharp contrast, Applicants’ claimed invention creates the print file (e.g., a postscript file) based on a document created by, “for example, local applications such as Word TM or PowerPoint TM” (page 13, lines 2-3). As a result, Tonkin fails to disclose displaying a document based on a print file, and Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims as presented.

With further regard to the Office Action dated 09/10/2002, Applicants respectfully submit that “the concept and advantages for verifying print driver information before uploading a document for printing” are neither well known nor common knowledge in the art, and request that the Office provide documentary evidence in order to maintain the rejection. See MPEP § 2144.03(C). Applicants note, in contrast to the Office’s assertion, that Applicants’ claimed

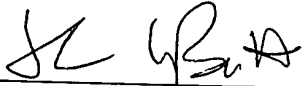
invention uniquely transmits a print file for preview. As a result, it is uniquely beneficial to Applicants' claimed invention to verify print driver information before uploading the print file for previewing, which is not well known in the art.

With still further regard to the Office Action dated 09/10/2002, Applicants respectfully submit that "the concept and advantages for selecting or creating a print driver before uploading a document for printing" are neither well known nor common knowledge in the art, and request that the Office provide documentary evidence in order to maintain the rejection. Applicants note, in contrast to the Office's assertion, that Applicants' claimed invention uniquely generates a print file based on a document, and transmits the print file to the server for previewing. In sharp contrast, the cited art uses the "source file." In this case, the selection or creation of a print driver is not required or related to uploading and previewing/printing the document. As a result, selecting or creating a print driver before uploading the document for printing is not well known in the art.

With still further regard to the Office Action dated 09/10/2002, Applicants respectfully submit that "the concept and associated advantages for performing data/file compression" are neither well known nor common knowledge in the art of previewing and/or printing documents, and request that the Office provide documentary evidence in order to maintain the rejection. Applicants note, in contrast to the Office's assertion, that Applicants' claimed invention uniquely generates a print file prior to transmitting the print file to the server for preview and/or printing. This allows Applicants' claimed invention to perform additional processing, such as data compression, on the print file before its transmission to the server, which is not well known in the art.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Application as presented is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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